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SUBJ: BEHIND THE LINES IN INVADER-OCCUPIED SHABA

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1. SUMMARY. REPORTS FROM KISGENGE, KASAJI, AND KAPANGA PROVIDE  
REASONABLY DETAILED PICTURE OF LIFE IN WESTERN SHABA DURING  
INVADERS' OCCUPATION. POPULATION SYMPATHETIC TO INVADERS AND GENERALL  
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WELL-TREATED, BUT GOZ FUNCTIONARIES OCCASIONALLY DISCIPLINED  
AND EXECUTED. INVADERS ESPOUSED SOCIALIST, ANTI-U.S. IDEOLOGY,  
CALLED EACH OTHER "COMRADE", ORGANIZED MEETINGS TO EXPLAIN  
POLITICAL VIEWPOINT, AND DISTRIBUTED POSTERS OF  
"PRESIDENT" MBUMBA. MOST OF INVADERS NATIVE SHABANS, NOT  
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NECESSARILY FROM LUNDA TRIBE. TROOPS, WHO MEMBERS OF ARMY  
CALLING ITSELF "FORCES ARMEES DU PEUPLE CONGOLAISE"(FAPC), ENTERED  
ZAIRE ON BICYCLES, RELIED ON CAPTURED VEHICLES FOR GROUP TRANSPORT.  
DEMORALIZED BY AERIAL BOMBING, INVADERS FLED  
WITH MINIMUM OF  
RESISTANCE, LEAVING VILLAGES 3-5 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF FAZ, TAKING  
BACK TO ANGOLA ALMOST EVERYTHING THEY COULD CARRY. END SUMMARY.

2. NOW THAT PRESENT PHASE OF SHABA WAR ALMOST OVER, CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED BEHIND LINES IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY INVADERS BEGINNING TO EMERGE, THANKS TO REFUGEES AND MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO LUBQMBASHI FROM AREA. THUS FAR, CONSULATE HAS DIRECT REPORTS ONLY ON EVENTS IN KISENGE, KASAJI, AND KAPANGA, SBUT IT IS DOUBTFUL SUBSEQUENT REPORTS WILL CONTRADICT GENERAL CONCLUSIONS WHICH ONE CAN ALREADY DRAW.

". INVADERS AND THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. AT ALL THREE SITES, INVADERS GREETED WARMLY BY POPULATION WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVED, AND MAINTAINED DEGREE OF SYMPATHY THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF OCCUPATION. POPULATION AS A WHOLE WELL TREATED, AND FOOD AND SOAP DISTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE FREE OF CHARGE IN SOME AREAS. ON OTHER HAND, GOZ FUNCTIONARIES SUFFERED AT HANDS OF INVADERS. MPR OFFICIAL EXECUTED IN KISENGE, AND HEAD OF ZAIRIAN GENDARMERIE REPORTEDLY EXECUTED IN KPANAGA. MPR CADRES IN KAPANGA REQUIRED TO REPORT DAILY TO INVADERS' HEADQUARTERSFN AND WERE KEPT UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE. TROOPS GENERALLY WELL DISCIPLINED, LOOTING STRICTLY CONTROLLED THOUGH CONFISCATIONS BY INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS NOT UNCOMMON. RELATIONS BETWEEN INVADERS AND POPULATION ORGANIZED THROUGH INTERMEDIARY OF "POLITICAL COMMISSIONERS" UNDER MILITARY COMMAND. WHERE POLITICAL COMMISSIONER COMPETENT, TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS GENERALLY GOOD. ON OTHER HAND, DURING ONE-WEEK INTERVAL IN KAPANGA DURING WHICH INSECURE POLITICAL COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE, TROOPS HARASSED POPULWTION AND MISSIONARY DR. ESCHTRUTH EXECUTED BY INVADERS.

4. POLITICS AND COMPOSITION OF INVADERS. INVADERS CALLED SELVES CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGOLESE, ANDESPOUSED SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY. AT KAPANGA, ANTI-U.S. AND ANTI-CAPITALIST SLOGANS WRITTEN ON WALLS. POLITICAL MEEINGS HELB AT WHICH MOBUTU, CAPITALISM, AND TRIBALISM DENOUNCED. POPULATION AT KISENGE ENGAGED IN ENTHUSIASTIC CAMPAIGN OF INFORMING INVADERS ON SUSPECTED GOZ SYMPATHEIZERS. AT KAPANGA POPULATION ORDERED TO ADDRESS INVADING SOLDIERS AND EACH OTHER AS "COMRADE." INVADERS AT KAPANGA MOSTLY NATIVE SHABANS, THOUGH BY NO MEANS ALL LUNDA. NO EVIDENCE OF EITHER CUBANS, ANGOLANS, OR WHITES AT ANY SITES. INVADERS SPOKE SWAHILI, PORTUGUESE, AND FRENCH. MANY IN THEIR 30'S, HAVING FLED ZAIRE IN MID-1960'S, BUT DECENT SPRINKLING OF YOUNGER, MORE RECENT DEPARTURES IN THEIR RANKS. ONLY LEADER OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGED WAS "PRESIDENT" MBUMBA, WHOSE PICTURE DISPLAYED AT KAPANGA AND WHO ALSO MENTIONED BY INVADERS AT KISENGE AS THE LEADER.

5. THE MILITARY. INVADING TROOPS ARRIVED ON BICYCLES AND CONFISCATED VEHICLES AS THEY OCCUPIED TOWNS. AT KAPANGA, SOURCES REPORT THEY WORE UNIFORMS, WITH TIGER SYMBOL AND LETTERS F.A.V.C., BELIEVED TO STAND FOR "FORCES ARMEES DU PEUPLE CONGOLAIS," EMBLAZONED

ON SLEEVE. INVADERS SPOKE VAGUELY OF TRAINING THEY HAD RECEIVED IN ANGOLA, BUT GAVE NO DETWILS. HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER IN KAPWNGA WAS A MAJOR. SOURCES ESTIMATE PERHAPS 200 TROOPS IN KAPANGA AREA; NO ESTIMATES OBTAINED ON NUMBERS AT OTHER SITES. TROOPS CARRIED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND HAD MINES. MORTARS USED LATE IN WAR, BUT NOT IN INITIAL CAPTURE OF TOWNS.

6. THE INVADERS' RETREAT. ALMOST NOWHERE DID INVADERS PUT UP RESISTANCE TO FAZ COUNTEROFFENSIVE. IN KISENGE INVADERS FLED WHEN WORD OF FALL OF MUTSHATSHA ARRIVED, AND WERE LONG GONE BY TIME FAZ ENTERED TOWNS. SIMILARLY, INVADERS FLED KAPANGA FIVE DAYS BEFORE FAZ ARRIVED. INVADERS' TROOPS ABANDONED KASAJI AFTER SOME SKIRMISHING ON ROAD TO EAST OF TOWN. FAZA BOMBINGS HAD DEMORALIZING EFFECT ON INVADERS, DESPITE INACCURACY AND NEAR TOTAL LACK OF DAMAGE TO MILITARY TARGETS. AS INVADERS DEPARTED THEY GENERALLY TOOK ANYTHING OF VALUE THEY COULD CARRY. AT KISENGE THEY TOOK AWAY 200 HEAD OF CATTLE, ALL OF SMK'S  
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VEHICLES, BEDSHEETS, RADIOS, AND ANYTHING PORTABLE, THOUGH THEY LEFT MANGANESE MINE AND ORE WASHING INSTALLATIONS UNDAMAGED (CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, SMK OFFICIALS REPORT NO MANGANESE ORE TAKEN BY INVADERS). INVADERS TOLD CIVILIAN POPULATION TO LEAVE AS THEY DEPARTED, WHICH ADVICE THE POPULATION TOOK ALMOST TO A MAN. KASAJI, KISENGE, KAPANGA, MUTSHATSHA ALL GHOST TOWNS WHEN FAZ ARRIVED. INVADERS TOOK SOME OF POUPLATION BACK TO ANGOLA AS RECRUITS. RECRUITING MET WITH SOME SUCCESS AT KAPANGA, AND THERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF SIMILAR RESULTS IN DILOLO AND KISENGE. INVADERS ALSO TOOK SOME HOSTAGES, INCLUDING DELEGATE GENERAL AND FINANCIAL DIRECTOR OF SMK FROM KISENGE. REST OF POPULATION VANISHED INTO BUSH, INTIMIDATED BY FAZA BOMBINGS AND FRIGHTENED OF LIKELY FAZ REPRISALS AGAINST CIVILIANS WHEN VILLAGES REOCCUPIED.

7. CONCLUSION. BASIC PICTURE OF INVADERS IS OF COMPACT GROUP OF RELATIVELY WELL-DISCIPLINED (BY ZAIRIAN STANDARDS), IDEOLOGICALLY COMMITTED, NOT VERY WELL EQUIPPED FORCE. LITTLE DOUBT THAT INVADERS PRIMARILY, PERHAPS EXCLUSIVELY, OF ZAIRIAN ORIGIN. INVADERS CAPITALIZED SUCCESSFULLY ON SYMPATHY OF LOCAL POPULATION, CULTIVATED THROUGH DELIBERATE POLICY OF NON-HWRASSMENT, BUT OCCUPIED AREAS NOT THE LAND OF SWEETNESS AND LIGHT IMAGINED BY SYMPATHIZERS ON OTHER SIDE OF THE LINES. INVADERS LEFT INTACT\* WITH RECRUITS AND BOOTY, WHICH DOUBTLESS TROUBLING TO MOBUTU. HOWEVER, SPECTER OF IMMEDIATE RENEWED ATTACK ONCE MOROCCANS LEAVE WOULD SEEM MINIMAL, GIVEN RECENT TROUBLES OF NETO GOVERNMENT, DISPLAY OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU, AND PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBER OF FAZ TROOPS CLOSER TO BORDER THAN BEFORE SHABA WAR BEGAN.  
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